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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7359

BILL NUMBER: HB 1315

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BILL AMENDED: Apr 26, 2013

SUBJECT: Professional Health Services.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Clere

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Patricia Miller

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
X FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill specifies that Medicaid services include pharmacist services.

Occupational Therapists- The bill specifies osteopathic physicians and adds physician assistants on the list of practitioners who may provide a referral or order to an occupational therapist. It also provides that an occupational therapist must report to the practitioner as specified by the practitioner who provided the referral or order. However, if the practitioner does not specify a reporting requirement, the occupational therapist shall report to the practitioner upon completion or termination of occupational therapy services.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Pharmacist Services as a Required Medicaid State Plan Benefit:* The bill would add pharmacist services to the list of services provided in the state Medicaid program. The fiscal impact would depend on how the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) would define allowable pharmacist services to be reimbursed, the reimbursement amounts, what services may currently be reimbursed, and how the inclusion of the defined services might impact the structure of the existing pharmacy dispensing fee model.

Medicaid is jointly funded by the state and federal governments. The effective state share of program expenditures is approximately 33% for most current services. Current Medicaid medical services are matched by the effective federal match rate (FMAP) in Indiana at approximately 67%. Administrative expenditures with certain exceptions are matched at the federal rate of 50%.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Occupational Therapists*- Violations of the occupational therapist (OT) statutes are classified as B misdemeanors. However, it is likely this provision would have little effect on the number of OTs that may be charged with a B misdemeanor in future years. Generally, when court cases occur and fines are collected, revenue to both the Common School Fund (from fines) and the state General Fund (from court fees) increase. The maximum fine for a Class B misdemeanor is \$1,000.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: *Occupational Therapists*- Any change in revenue from court fees involving B misdemeanor cases, under this provision, would likely be small.

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration, OMPP; Professional Licensing Agency.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources:

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